

Governor Markell Applauds Senator Kaufman for “Raising the Bar” for Students

Announces New Co-Chair to Delaware STEM Council

(Wilmington, DE) Governor Jack Markell announces that Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President of the State Board of Education, will take over as the new Co-Chair of the Delaware STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Council, replacing former U.S. Senator Ted Kaufman. Judson Wagner from Brandywine School District remains as the other Co-Chair.

Created by Executive Order in January of 2012, the [Delaware STEM Council](#) was formed to increase opportunities for Delaware’s students and businesses in the growing STEM industries. Senator Kaufman, a former DuPont engineer, was appointed the Co-Chair of the Council along with Judson Wagner from the Brandywine School District. Under their leadership, the Council has set about an aggressive agenda to significantly improve student achievement and expand the STEM-capable workforce in Delaware.

“I am grateful to Senator Kaufman for his hard work and leadership on the Delaware STEM Council,” said Governor Markell. “He and the other Council members have allowed us take a clear look at where we stand, and their hard work has helped us chart a solid path for Delaware students. I know Dr. Teri Quinn Gray will hit the ground running. She has been active in our educational system for many years, as a parent and President of the State Board of Education. I am grateful for her willingness to serve as we move forward and continue to excel in areas of STEM education.”

“It has been a singular honor to work with the great individuals on the STEM council to increase the opportunities

for Delaware's students and businesses," said Senator Kaufman.

The Delaware STEM Council meets today for the first time under the leader of Dr. Teri Quinn Gray. It will focus on fulfilling the recommendations from the April Annual Report, including developing STEM mentorship opportunities for women and minorities and founding a Delaware STEM Business Network.

For more information on the Delaware STEM Council go to www.stem.delaware.gov

Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President of the State Board of Education, new Co-Chair, Delaware STEM Council

Dr. Gray is a new product commercialization manager for the DuPont Crop Protection Division in Newark, Delaware. She is



member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) National Women Chemist Committee and the Chair of the ACS's Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board. Dr. Gray was appointed by Governor Markell to serve as the President of the State Board of Education

in June 2009. She has been a leader within the Delaware State Parent Teacher Association (PTA) serving as Unit President at Keene Elementary School in 2005-06, Unit Treasurer at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School in 2007-08 and Membership Chair at Shue-Medill Middle School in 2008-09. She's a native of Jackson, Mississippi where she graduated from Provine High School and later magna cum laude from Jackson State University with a bachelors of Science degree in chemistry. She holds a PhD in analytical chemistry from University of Maryland, College Park.